

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Toshio MATSUMOTO
Appln. No. : 10/772,398
Filed : February 6, 2004
For : POROUS SINTERED BODY OF CALCIUM PHOSPHATE-BASED
CERAMIC AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1731
Examiner: Lopez
Confirmation No.: 5023

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 15, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria VA 22314

Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 15, 2006, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until February 15, 2007.

Applicant notes that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee, including any required extension of time and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the claims appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 5 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks which follow.